

SCR 47 (DeSaulnier)
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**EDUCATIONAL FUNDING:
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS & PRESCHOOLS
Fact Sheet**

SUMMARY

SCR 47 will assure quality care for California's children by resolving the Legislature's intent to increase funding to Title V child development centers in the future when California's fiscal conditions improve.

BACKGROUND

Child development centers and preschools that contract with the State Department of Education are mandated under Title V of the California Code of Regulations to obtain personnel and program quality standards that far exceed the minimum health and safety standards. Children who attend these centers have their developmental progress closely monitored by staff with professional college training. These children enter elementary school well prepared not only to learn but to succeed.

Title V contractors are reimbursed using the Standard Reimbursement Rate (SRR) of \$34.38, per child, per full day of enrollment. This reimbursement does not keep up with the rising costs associated with caring for California's children or increased quality mandates.

The current reimbursement structure creates an incentive for providing the lowest quality care to California's children. In 80 percent of California, child care centers, family child care homes, and license-exempt in-home providers who are not required to meet high quality education standards are reimbursed at a rate 60 percent higher than Title V child development centers and preschools.

THIS BILL

SCR 47 states the intent of the Legislature to increase the funding of child development centers and preschools in future years, as resources become available, in order to provide staff with adequate salaries and benefits, provide adequate resources to support program quality for children, and keep programs open to serve parents and children.

This resolution recognizes the valuable contribution Title V centers make to California's future by preparing our children to be successful students and adults. SCR 47 makes the commitment today, that in the future when California's fiscal condition improves, this legislative body will increase the funding to Title V child development centers.

STATUS

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SUPPORT

- California Child Development Administrators Association (sponsor)
- Child Development Policy Institute
- Professional Association For Childhood Education

OPPOSITION

None on file

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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